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So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of H. Con. Res.

312, the concurrent resolution just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois? There was no objection.

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RECOGNIZING THE 91ST BIRTHDAY OF RONALD REAGAN

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 82) recognizing the 91st birthday of Ronald Reagan.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.J. RES. 82

Whereas February 6, 2002, is the 91st birth-day of Ronald Wilson Reagan;

Whereas Ronald Reagan is the first former President ever to attain the age of 91:

Whereas both Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan have distinguished records of public service to the United States, the American people, and the international community:

Whereas Ronald Reagan was twice elected by overwhelming margins as President of the United States;

Whereas Ronald Reagan fulfilled his pledge to help restore "the great, confident roar of American progress, growth, and optimism" and ensure renewed economic prosperity;

Whereas Ronald Reagan's leadership was instrumental in extending freedom and democracy around the globe and uniting a world divided by the Cold War;

Whereas Ronald Reagan is loved and admired by millions of Americans, and by countless others around the world;

Whereas Ronald Reagan's eloquence united Americans in times of triumph and tragedy; Whereas Nancy Reagan not only served as a gracious First Lady but also led a national crusade against illegal drug use;

Whereas, together Ronald and Nancy Reagan dedicated their lives to promoting national pride and to bettering the quality of life in the United States and throughout the world; and

Whereas the thoughts and prayers of the Congress and the country are with Ronald Reagan in his courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress, on behalf of the American people, extends its birthday greetings and best wishes to Ronald Reagan on his 91st birthday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Lahood). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Weldon) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Davis) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Weldon).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 82.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Joint Resolution 82, and I commend the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) for introducing it. This resolution extends birthday greetings and the best wishes of a grateful Nation to Ronald Reagan on his 91st birthday

Ronald Reagan is among the greatest of statesmen ever to serve in the Oval Office, or indeed to have served the American people in any capacity. He is loved and admired by millions of Americans and by countless others around the world. Twice elected by overwhelming margins as President of the United States, Ronald Reagan built a record of public service to our Nation and to the American people. He was an eloquent and forceful champion of all freedom-loving people, especially those enslaved by the former Soviet Union and its satellites.

Ronald Reagan pledged to restore "the great, confident roar of American progress, growth and optimism." And Ronald Reagan pledged to ensure economic prosperity. He kept that pledge. Ronald Reagan inherited a moribund economy mired in recession and wracked by rampant inflation. But his wisdom, his confidence in the American people, his sound economic policies and his courage in the face of fierce opposition led us out of that recession and defeated inflation. President Reagan's policies laid the groundwork for an unprecedented period of prosperity. He put us back to work and unleashed the genius of American entrepreneurs. He inherited a hollow military and a Nation unsure of itself. He rebuilt our Armed Forces into the finest fighting force in the world, and he lifted our spirits and strengthened our resolve. Ronald Reagan's leadership and courage paved the way for the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union and the extension of freedom and democracy around the globe.

Ronald Reagan's commitment to our men and women in uniform earned him a high accolade last spring when the USS Ronald Reagan was christened in Newport News, Virginia. His devoted wife Nancy stood in his behalf to christen and accept this evidence of America's esteem and gratitude for Ronald Reagan's unstinting service to our Nation. During the ceremony, President Bush noted that "when we send her off to sea, it is certain that the Ronald Reagan will meet with rough waters and smooth waters, with headwinds as well as fair, but she will sail tall and strong like the man we have known.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to benefit today from Ronald Reagan's foresight and courage. There can be no better or more dramatic example than our improving relations with the Russian Republic. Once the heart of our fiercest adversary, our relations with Russia are now marked far more by cooperation than confrontation. I do not discount for 1 minute the importance of the diplomatic skills and courage of President Bush in building that relationship, but it simply could not have